(b) if not, the actual investment and whether it is also a fact that the contribution of big investors and companies is more than 90 per cent in this investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the contribution of Indian small investors has reduced to only 5 per cent in the investment, if not, the estimate of their contribution in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd. has informed that the market capitalisation of companies listed and traded on the Exchange as on August 14, 2007 is about US$ 1111 billion.

(b) and (c) The contribution of companies (promoters) and big investors in the companies (in terms of market capitalisation) as on 31st March, 2007 was approximately 92 per cent.

(d) Small investors (individual shareholders under non-promoter category with holding upto Rs. 1 lakh of face value per company) held about 8 per cent of the market capitalisation as on March 31, 2007.

Guidelines of Public-Private Partnership in infrastructure

994. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have issued guidelines for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects in infrastructure;

(b) whether it is a fact that the new scheme will prevent new comers from entering the infrastructure sector;

(c) in what way will the new guidelines help increasing competition and allow new comers to bid for projects;

(d) whether a small group of contractors and companies are monopolizing all Government sector projects; and

(e) the steps proposed to widen the base and increase competitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India have issued guidelines for formulation, appraisal and approval of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects in the Central Sector.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The guidelines mandate the procedure for appraisal and approval of central sector PPP projects. During appraisal/approval of projects, it is ascertained that the PPP projects are bid/procured in a transparent and fair manner, which helps in increasing private participation and competition and allows new comers to bid for projects.